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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 48

Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley

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March 18, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 48—Relative to Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 48, as amended, Cooley. Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention Month.

This measure would designate the month of March 2015 and each year thereafter as Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention Month, and would encourage public officials and the citizens of California to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs

to raise awareness about the symptoms of, treatments for, and ways of preventing, traumatic brain injuries.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Each year, 2.5 million Americans sustain traumatic
2 brain injuries; and

3 WHEREAS, A traumatic brain injury is a contributing factor in
4 roughly one-third of all injury-related deaths in the United States;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Each year, 250,000 people in California sustain a
7 traumatic brain injury; and

8 WHEREAS, These injuries are largely the result of falls, motor
9 vehicle crashes, assaults, sporting-related injuries, or occupational
10 injuries; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 5.3 million Americans are living with
12 disabilities related to traumatic brain injury; and

13 WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and
14 Prevention (CDC) estimates that as many as 3.8 million sports-
15 and recreation-related concussions occur in the United States
16 annually; and

17 WHEREAS, Significant national attention has been drawn to
18 this issue due to the prominence and visibility of scholarship that
19 has identified repeated concussions and brain injury as leading to
20 negative long-term health outcomes; and

21 WHEREAS, Traumatic brain injury is the signature injury of
22 the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, presenting new challenges for
23 members of the military and their families; and

24 WHEREAS, The Federal Traumatic Brain Injury
25 Reauthorization Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-196) has provided
26 new authority for the CDC to review brain injury management in
27 children, and to identify ongoing and potential opportunities for
28 research; and

29 WHEREAS, Research, treatment, and support help speed
30 recovery from a traumatic brain injury; and

31 WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of California offers
32 education and support to individuals with traumatic brain injury
33 and their families to help those individuals integrate into the
34 community and live as independently as possible; and

35 WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of California has
36 designated March as Brain Injury Awareness Month to promote

1 public awareness on the extent, causes, consequences, treatment,
2 and prevention of traumatic brain injury, and to remind people
3 with traumatic brain injuries and their families that they are not
4 alone; now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
6 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of
7 March 2015, and each year thereafter, as Brain Injury Awareness,
8 Treatment, and Prevention Month, and encourages public officials
9 and the citizens of California to observe the month with appropriate
10 activities and programs to raise awareness about the symptoms of,
11 treatments for, and ways of preventing, traumatic brain injuries;
12 and be it further

13 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
14 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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